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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were lower on all sizes in Chicago. In New York, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak entering the holiday weekend. Demand was in a full range of light to very good, best where features were in progress. Supplies of all sizes were in close balance to available. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Light type hens were fully sufficient to ample for the light to fair demand. Slaughter schedules were reduced.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to very good and varied from location to location. Food service movement was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were about unchanged to lower. Offerings were slightly more available than previously noted and was rated as mostly adequate. Demand continued moderate to good and reported inventories as comfortable to instances very tight. Trade sentiment steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 84-93 | 87-90 |
| LARGE | 83-91 | 84-89 |
| MEDIUM | 60-68 | 63-65 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

| | RANGE |
|--------|-------|
| LARGE | 60-64 |
| MEDIUM | 38-40 |
| SMALL | 20-24 |

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices were trending lower into next week. The market tone was barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand was light to good, best where featured. Large 18 pack eggs were on special for 89 cents. Offerings were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock supplies were barely adequate to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules for next week were reported as generally normal. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample for the light to no better than fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reduced.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 89-102 | 91-95 |
| LARGE | 84-99 | 91-93 |
| MEDIUM | 59-74 | 64-67 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment about steady. Cartoned and food service movement moderate to good. Overall demand reported as improved by later week. Supplies were in close balance to adequate.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 92.5-101 | 94-95 |
| LARGE | 89.5-97 | 91-92 |
| MEDIUM | 63.5-66 | 65-66 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were sufficient to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate to ample for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules were reduced for the upcoming week.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 85-93 | 87-90 |
| LARGE | 82.5-91 | 85-88 |
| MEDIUM | 61-69 | 62-66 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady entering the holiday weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 95-99 |
| LARGE | 93-97 |
| MEDIUM | 69-73 |

CHICAGO EGGS Prices on extra large and large declined 2 cents, mediums dropped 1 cent. The market tone was steady to weak. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies were adequate to available.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 84-90 |
| LARGE | 83-88 |
| MEDIUM | 61-68 |

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week throughout the region 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 5 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate but widespread molting keeping production within the region near current needs despite high prices and a quiet buyer interest.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo, 3 cents lower on extra large, 6 cents lower on large, and 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand picked up slightly to cover the long weekend but remained light overall. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 199, medium 20 pack 2 for \$3.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 135 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 132 |
| LARGE | 123 |
| MEDIUM | 97 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 114-125 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 112-122 |
| LARGE | 110-113 |
| MEDIUM | 84-87 |

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 269-339 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 259-319 |
| LARGE | 229-239 |
| MEDIUM | 199-209 |

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were about unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings of heavy nest runs were slightly more available than previously noted and was rated as mostly adequate. Demand continued moderate to good and reported inventories as comfortable to instances very tight. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|---|---------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 66-68.5 | 68 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 53-59 | 53 |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA: | | |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI | | |

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was cautious, but mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good with increased trading noted from regular suppliers. Offerings were barely adequate to sufficient for generally normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Aug-2003 were 9% less than last week and 7% less than a year ago.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--|-------|--------|
| NEST RUN | 64-68 | 65-67 |
| CHECKS | 51-64 | 52-56 |
| EASTERN REGION AREA: | | |
| AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV | | |

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 23-Aug-03
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------|
| CW | 1,226,600 | 30,193 | 12,509 | 5,900 | 2,367 | 4,247 |
| PW | 1,236,425 | 29,700 | 11,385 | 6,283 | 2,439 | 4,285 |
| LY | 1,285,319 | 31,019 | 11,194 | 5,905 | 3,030 | 4,525 |
| % CHG PW | -1 | 2 | 10 | -6 | -3 | -1 |
| % CHG LY | -5 | -3 | 12 | 0 | -22 | -6 |
| 2003 | 39,132,187 | 951,907 | 359,375 | 196,116 | 80,163 | 141,761 |
| 2002 | 40,722,410 | 947,184 | 394,247 | 211,415 | 97,134 | 144,858 |
| % CHG YTD | -4 | 1 | -9 | -8 | -18 | -3 |
| | CURRENT | | PREVIOUS | | LAST | |
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | WEEK | | WEEK | | YEAR | |
| (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 43.09 | | 41.78 | | 40.96 | |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 39.62 | | 38.31 | | 37.44 | |

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 89 to 93 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 52 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully to firm and strongest for whole egg. Offerings were tight to short for whole egg, available for whites and about adequate for yolk. Demand was very good for whole egg and whites and fairly good for yolk. Any available whole egg and white loads were rapidly absorbed. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 7 | 63-64.5 | 63.86 | .86 |
| WHITES | 35 | 45-47.5 | 46.71 | 4.02 |
| YOLKS | 8 | 89-89.5 | 89.13 | 1.13 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices were irregular but generally trended higher when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to good with supplies reported as in close balance to short of needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23 August 2003 were 6% less than the previous week, and 3% less than a year ago.

| WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS) | | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) | |
|---|-----------|------------------------|---------|
| | TRUCKLOTS | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | | 65-77 | 73-76.5 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | | 93-105 |
| WHITES | | 56-58 | 61-68 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 97-106 | 98-104 | 106-114 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 95-100 | 97-100 | 102-108 |

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged unchanged to 1.5 cents higher with all other frozen products ranging higher. Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady for all frozen products. Frozen suppliers were confident that values would hold with supplies inadequate to short of the current moderate to good demand. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

| WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS) | | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) | |
|--|-----------|---------------------|---------|
| | TRUCKLOTS | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | | 73-76.5 | 74-76.5 |
| WHITES | | 56-58 | |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 102-106 | | 102 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 97.5-100 | | |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and 1 cent higher on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/23 was 4% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate overall with freezer stocks light.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

| | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | RANGE |
| WHOLE | 79-82 |
| WHITES | 61-64 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 106-109 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 103-106 |

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged on whole, unchanged to higher on yolks, with mostly prices higher on albumen and blends when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen and whole eggs, and fully steady to firm on balance of items. Demand remained moderate to good. However, offerings and trading continued to be light as most items were often reported as limited or not available. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23 August 2003 were 3% less than the previous week, and 22% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 18% less than a year earlier.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB, IN CONT., TRUCKLOT & LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 2.59-2.95 | MOSTLY 2.65-2.85 |
| YOLKS | 2.23-2.60 | MOSTLY 2.35-2.45 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 4.25-4.75 | MOSTLY 4.34-4.50 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.84-2.10 | MOSTLY 1.95-2.05 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUGUST 22, 2003-AUGUST 28, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 72.75

FUTURE LOADS 65.50

TOTAL LOADS 138.25

| | | SE | | NE | | MW | | | | SC | | NW | | SW | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|------|--|
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | | |
| GNR W 1 | 69.00 | — | 68.88 | 71.22 | 71.00 | — | 19.00 | GNR W 1 | — | 73.67 | — | — | — | — | — | 6.00 | |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | 65.00 | 1.00 | GNR BR 1 | 73.00 | — | — | — | — | 82.00 | 1.00 | | |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 69.00 | 70.00 | — | — | 1.00 | GL W J | — | — | — | — | — | 96.50 | 3.00 | | |
| GL W J | — | — | 88.00 | 90.00 | — | — | 5.00 | GL W XL | 72.00 | 81.73 | — | — | — | 80.26 | 23.50 | | |
| GL W XL | — | 81.22 | 79.13 | 80.40 | 71.45 | 72.00 | 50.00 | GL W LG | — | 81.20 | — | — | — | 79.44 | 34.00 | | |
| GL W LG | — | 76.11 | 77.00 | 78.17 | 68.43 | — | 41.75 | GL W MD | 49.00 | 56.00 | 52.00 | — | 50.00 | 55.17 | 8.00 | | |
| GL W MD | — | 54.89 | 49.90 | 50.00 | 47.45 | 51.86 | 20.75 | GL W SM | — | 36.50 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | |
| GL W SM | 37.50 | 39.50 | 35.33 | 37.08 | 31.29 | 38.50 | 6.00 | GL BR LG | — | — | — | — | 80.50 | 84.00 | .75 | | |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 5.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | 70.50 | 34.00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 42 | — | — | 42.00 | 43.00 | — | — | .50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | — | — | — | 57.50 | 3.00 | | | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Demand was light to no better than fair. Processing schedules were reduced. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-12 7-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Costs of disposal were too few to report. Light demand by processors was easily serviced by ample offerings from producers. Schedules were as desired. Opinions on costs were expected to remain unchanged.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged to higher when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample. Demand was light to moderate. Opinions of values were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-11.75 6.25-10.25

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 93.00 | 92.00 | 65.50 |
| SOUTHEAST | 88.50 | 86.50 | 64.00 |
| MIDWEST | 88.50 | 86.50 | 64.00 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 94.50 | 91.50 | 65.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 91.32 | 89.26 | 64.79 |

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was limited. Offerings were sufficient for Trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-25 MAJORITY 23-24

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

28-36 MAJORITY 33.5-34.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-26 MAJORITY 25.5-26

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-38 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 09-Aug-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 1,044 | 1,471 | 2,515 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,133 | 1,499 | 2,632 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,738 | 1,605 | 3,343 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 49,463 | 44,077 | 93,540 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 56,499 | 43,665 | 100,164 |

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 205 | 7 | 212 |
| LAST WEEK | 196 | 0 | 196 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 326 | 7 | 333 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 8,111 | 115 | 8,226 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 10,110 | 221 | 10,331 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 1,249 | 1,478 | 2,727 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,329 | 1,499 | 2,828 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,064 | 1,612 | 3,676 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 57,574 | 44,192 | 101,766 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 66,609 | 43,886 | 110,495 |

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending August 16, 2003 | | Year-To-Date | |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002/1 | 2003 |
| Liquid | 402 | 402 | 10,512 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 96 |
| Dried | 0 | 135 | 342 |
| Total | 402 | 537 | 10,950 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| Week Ending August 16, 2003 | | Year-To-Date | |
|-----------------------------|------|--------------|-------|
| | 2003 | 2002/1 | 2003 |
| Liquid | 120 | 68 | 3,807 |
| Frozen | 129 | 64 | 1,984 |
| Dried | 42 | 60 | 904 |
| Total | 291 | 192 | 6,695 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending August 16, 2003 | | Year-To-Date | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2002 /1 | 2003 |
| Jumbo | 0 | 0 | 273 |
| Extra Large | 870 | 2,125 | 15,917 |
| Large | 2,030 | 3,700 | 66,055 |
| Medium | 750 | 1,050 | 40,583 |
| Ungraded | 5,460 | 1,440 | 68,146 |
| Misc | 1,630 | 0 | 5,482 |
| Total | 10,740 | 8,315 | 196,456 |

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 1,225 | 1,483 | 2,708 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,044 | 1,471 | 2,515 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,764 | 1,523 | 3,287 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 50,688 | 45,560 | 96,248 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 58,263 | 45,188 | 103,451 |

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 127 | 0 | 127 |
| LAST WEEK | 205 | 7 | 212 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 302 | 4 | 306 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 8,238 | 115 | 8,353 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 10,412 | 225 | 10,637 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| HEAD | 1,352 | 1,483 | 2,835 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,249 | 1,478 | 2,727 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,066 | 1,527 | 3,593 |
| TO-DATE/2003 | 58,926 | 45,675 | 104,601 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 68,675 | 45,413 | 114,088 |

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Storage Centers

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FROZEN EGGS | TURKEYS | OTHER |
|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| | LBS | LBS | POULTRY |
| AM 08/25/03 | 3,965 | 223,458 | 54,164 |
| AM 08/01/03 | 3,353 | 217,186 | 59,026 |
| CHG | 612 | 6272 | -4862 |
| PCT CHG | 18% | 3% | -8% |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-Aug-2003

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW | PCT CHG | LY |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|---------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 22.9 | 23.0 | 0 | 28 |
| BOSTON | 3.5 | 3.3 | 7 | 1 |
| CHICAGO | 58.2 | 62.4 | -7 | 52 |
| DETROIT | 58.5 | 25.2 | 132 | 112 |
| KANSAS CITY | 4.1 | 3.9 | 5 | -2 |
| LOS ANGELES | 78.8 | 80.1 | -2 | -9 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 14.0 | 11.6 | 21 | 63 |
| NEW YORK | 30.5 | 31.3 | -3 | -8 |
| ST. LOUIS | 17.3 | 16.3 | 6 | 12 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 20.5 | 21.0 | -2 | -9 |
| TOTAL | 308.3 | 278.1 | 11 | 20 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 296.4 | | | |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 23-Aug-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW | LY |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----|
| N. ATLANTIC | 210.6 | 0 | -4 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 557.2 | -1 | -1 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 287.8 | -2 | 2 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 187.8 | 6 | 20 |
| S. CENTRAL | 97.1 | 7 | 23 |
| WEST | 176.2 | -5 | -6 |
| TOTAL | 1516.7 | 0 | 2 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 86 | 86 |

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

26-Aug-2003

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|
| MAINE | 138 | 134 | 90 | 56 |
| MOSTLY | - | - | - | - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 131-135 | 127-131 | 83-87 | 49-53 |
| MOSTLY | 133-134 | 129-130 | 85-86 | 51-52 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 137-141 | 133-137 | 89-93 | 55-59 |
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